FISCAL NOTE

SB 2680 - HB 3333

March 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the district attorney general, in first degree murder cases in which the state has filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty or life with parole, to make available to the defendant all relevant documents, tangible objects, pretrial statements of witnesses, and complete files of all investigative agencies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the District Attorneys General Conference has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumption:

 Making all relevant materials available to the defendant in these cases may cause a small increase in expenditures due to the time required by law enforcement personnel and the district attorney to collect and copy all the materials. Some additional court time to litigate discovery process issues may occur. Any additional cost can be accommodated within existing resources without additional personnel costs.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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